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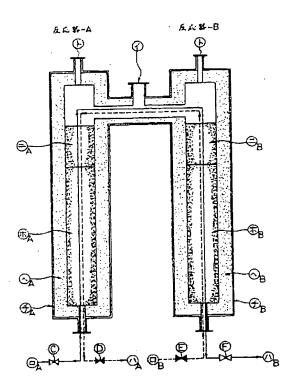
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TITLE

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION OF

TRICHLOROSILANE



ABSTRACT: PURPOSE: To obtain trichlorosilane (SiCl₃) free from contamination of impurities, in a short time and at low temperatures, by reaction between SiCl₄ and H₂ in the presence of a catalyst using heat storage-type ceramic reactors.

> CONSTITUTION: A reaction is carried out between SiCl4 and H2 in the presence of a catalyst with a platinum group metal and/or its silicide carried thereon, using two or more changeover heat storage-type ceramic reactors to obtain the objective SiCl₃. The processes are as follows: H2 gas heated to 800~1,100°C is fed through the high-temperature H₂ inlet 1 to the upper part 4B of the catalyst bed in the reactor B. SiCl₄ vaporized in an evaporator is premixed with H2 gas followed by feeding through the inlet 2A to the reactor A and then performing heat recovery during rising through the inert fused silica pebble bed 5A to effect temperature rise, thus introducing the resultant mixture into the catalyst bed 4A to make a conversion into SiCl₃. The reaction product thus obtained is combined with the high-temperature H₂ gas followed by introduction into the catalyst bed 4B to complete said conversion, the resulting product being then discharged through the outlet 3B. In the next step, the SiCl₄ is passed from the inlet 2B through the dotted line in the figure, the product obtained being discharged through the outlet 3A.

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